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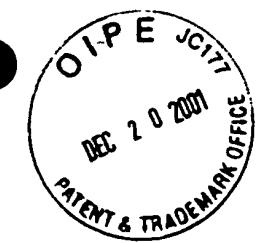
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In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated November 20, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-8 drawn to a receiving beam-forming method; and

Group II, claims 9-25, drawn to a receiving beam-forming method and apparatus using matched filtering.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, claims 9-25.

Additionally, in traversing the restriction requirement asserted by the Examiner, the Applicants believe that the Examiner has omitted one of the two criteria for a proper

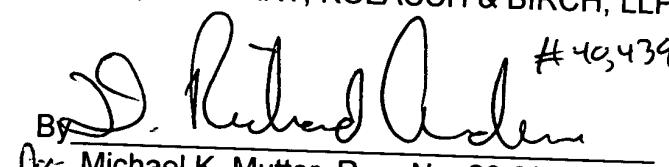
restriction requirement now established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. As set forth in M.P.E.P. § 803, if the "search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is submitted that there is no serious burden on the Examiner in examining all of claims 1-25 together. Further, in the Office Action dated November 20, 2001, the Examiner has not indicated there would be a serious burden in examining claims 1-25 together.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John L. Ciccozzi, (Reg. No. 48,984) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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